

Celebration Of Life

Elder Buford E. Scruggs



Sunrise: November 25, 1932 | Sunset: February 10, 2017

CELEBRATION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
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His Story...

Elder Buford E. Scruggs

Elder Buford Eugene Scruggs was born November 25, 1932 to the Reverend Melvin and Mrs. Juanita Scruggs in Stonega, Virginia. He was rooted with strong family ties and was actively involved in church as a youngster under the pastorate of his grandfather, the late Reverend B.S. Giles. One of the lessons he gleaned from time spent with his grandfather, Reverend Giles was the art of debate. Reverend Giles would form debate teams among the grandchildren encouraging them to study chosen topics and defend their personal viewpoints. A key principle he learned and practiced throughout his life was disagreeing with others' views when necessary, but always remembering to season it with love.

He received his early education in the Stonega public schools. Elder Scruggs excelled in his studies and as a result, he graduated from Central High School in Appalachia, Virginia at the age of 16. At 17 years, old, he attended Kent State University in Ohio. He joined the United States Army and was honorably discharged.

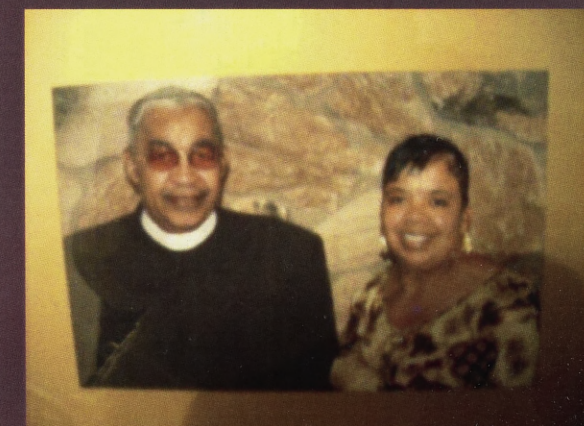
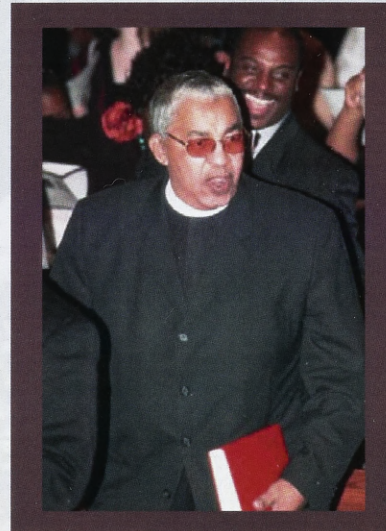
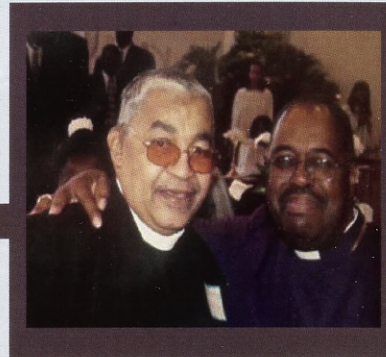
Along with his mother they moved to Akron, Ohio spending his early adulthood there. He worked in the restaurant industry, including one of Akron's most popular eating establishments. His cousins were like brothers and sisters to him. He was especially impressed by the witness of his Cousin "T" (Thelma). After observing her life changes when she accepted the Lord, he began to passionately and secretly desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. During an old-fashioned tarrying service revival at her church, Brother Scruggs accepted the Lord as His Savior. He was saved. THANK YOU, JESUS, He immediately became a member of Holy Trinity COGIC under the Pastor Lemon Butts, Jr. where he faithfully served in various areas of ministry.

In the early 60's, he and his wife Marcella traveled to Oakland, California and made it their home. Employment began at Pacific Bell Telephone Company, where he worked in technical and management positions for more than 30 years. Soon afterward, they were graciously blessed with their daughter Andre'a Leigh Scruggs. Traveling with Marcella, Andre'a and his beloved in-laws in their recreational vehicles, on cruises and flights brought him great joy and lots of fun.

The family joined Ephesians COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop E.E. Cleveland and the late Bishop R.R. Carr. He served as YPWW president, trustee board member, local Sunday School Superintendent, Elder and many other areas. Elder Scruggs subsequently joined Glad Tidings COGIC with the Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin as Pastor. He loved Bishop Macklin and the Glad Tidings COGIC ministries. This was evident as he proudly shared the DVDs of sermons, program events and teaching materials with friends and relatives throughout the United States. Many received these items through mail, email and Facebook postings. In addition, Elder Scruggs' love and commitment to serve others, was shown as he freely gave money, gifts, time, as well as solicited and unsolicited constructive critique.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 54 years Marcella; daughter Andre'a; sister-in-law Nedradine Hill; recently connected long-lost brother Leonard Scruggs and family; special cousins, Mother Thelma Butts, Robert (Mattie) Giles, Lois Clayton, Madge Giles, Ronald (Earline) Giles, Sandra (Richard) Gadson; and many valued cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

To God be the Glory!

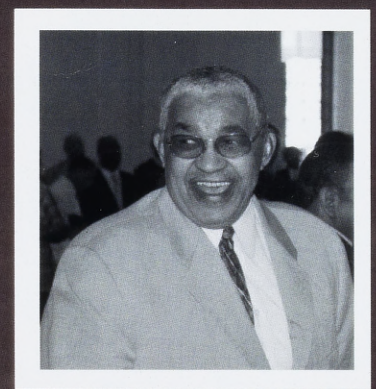


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Order of Celebration

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

11:00 AM



Processional

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Elder Trevor Long

New Testament – Elder Mark Henry

Military Presentation

Song – Praise Melody – Sister Alfreda Lyons

Remembering Elder Buford E. Scruggs

Sister Barbara Fort

Elder Sean Evans

Song – Robert Lyons Singers

We Knew Him

Deacon Max Dennis

Elder Richard Bulnes

My Uncle – Pastor Adam Giles

Acknowledgement of Cards, Condolences & Resolutions

Obituary Reading

Expressions from Clergy

Sermonic Solo (The Lord's Prayer)

Sister Kimberly Browne-McClinton

Eulogy—Bishop J.W. Macklin, Sr. Pastor Glad Tidings C.O.G.I.C.

Final Glimpse 'til Glory

Recessional

Active Pall Bearers

Markell Henry | Jonathan Secrease
Deacon Fulton Brinkley | Deacon Joe Moore
Elder Floyd Hill | Elder Franklin McMurrian
Elder Claude Roberts | Deacon Wallace Miles

Acknowledgements

The family gratefully acknowledges the numerous acts of kindness and thoughtfulness shown during the time of bereavement. We are appreciative of the visits, letters, cards, texts, phone calls, food and/or flowers, monetary donations that you used to express your sympathy and love to us. We are forever grateful for being "loved well" by our many friends and loved ones. May God truly bless you and keep you.



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